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## Students march in Richmond to protest Dominion Power

*Students utilize three day weekend to march on Richmond for Environmental change*

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News Editor

On Monday, Jan. 20, five students from the University of Mary Washington traveled to Richmond, Va. to join the Virginia Student Environmental Coalition (VSEC) to petition Dominion Power Company.

According to Zakaria Kronemer, a junior philosophy major and chair of the VSEC, the coalition, comprised of students from various Virginia universities, gathered to "advocate for our representation in decisions being made on environmental policy and also to meet with our legislators."

Students from seven Virginia schools were present, including Virginia Tech, Old Dominion University, University of Virginia, William and Mary, Eastern Mennonite University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Kronemer and the other UMW students are all members of Divest UMW, an on-campus organization focused on encouraging the administration to withdraw its investments from the fossil fuel industry and other environmentally irresponsible



Students from seven Virginia schools participated in the Jan. 20 march with the Virginia Student Environmental Coalition. In addition, they planned for Virginia Powershift.

sectors of the economy and to reinvest elsewhere. All the stu-

dents who participated are also members of the VSEC.

Junior geography major Alice Redhead was one of the

students who participated in the March. Redhead became part

of the VSEC movement after attending a national Powershift event this fall.

"Powershift is a national event for college students to come and learn about climate change, environmental issue and social issues. It's all about involvement, action, education and motivation," Redhead said.

The Powershift movement focuses on educating students and shifting the nation's dependency on non-renewable resources, as well as shifting power to students and showing them that their voices matter.

Students of the VSEC met in Richmond on Sunday to plan future events such as Virginia Powershift, as well as to prepare for Monday's march on Dominion Resources.

According to Kronemer, Virginia based power company Dominion Resources contributed more than \$6 million in campaign funds to various political officials.

"In a state that is being choked by fossil fuel interests, we do not feel that our poor energy policies have been a coincidence," Kronemer said. "We gathered at Dominion's Steps to stand up for the voice of the people of Virginia over the influence of dirty money."

At Monday's protest, members of VSEC marched from Dominion Power's headquarters •RICHMOND, 8

## Obama speaks to nation

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President Barack Obama addressed the United States in the annual State of the Union address on Tuesday, Jan. 28, focusing on themes such as opportunity and executive action. The hour long speech pulled from the personal experiences of many citizens in order to supplement Obama's push for action in 2014.

Headlines of various national newspapers focused on Obama's claim that he will act alone to work on improving the economy, through executive orders, if Congress is unwilling to compromise and work together.

He promised "a year of action," and laid out a new plan in which he will use his executive authority if not working with Congress.

"America will not stand still-and neither will I," said Obama. "So wherever and whenever I can take steps without legislation to expand opportunity for more families, that's what I'm going to do."

Other aspects of the speech touched on Obama's push to

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## UMW maintains state accreditation

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Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington's accreditation was reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on Dec. 10, 2013. According to SACS-COC's website, their mission is to guarantee educational quality in its member institutions.

UMW was accredited for the first time in 1930. Accreditation requires a large review every ten years, with a smaller review during the fifth year. Provost Jonathan Levin explained that the reaffirmation of accreditation means that other institutions can trust that the degrees UMW gives represent what they claim they do.

This makes it possible for credits earned at UMW to be transferable to other universities.

"Accreditation is the gold standard for assessing and acknowledging the quality of education offered by an institution. Reaffirmation means that we continue to be recognized for the high quality of what we do," said Levin.

"Knowing that UMW is accredited makes me feel like I can get a degree here," said junior Chase Wilkinson.

Reaffirmation involves reviewing the university's operation. All programs are constantly under assessment at UMW. SACS-COC reviews how the university assesses the programs and how UMW uses the results of the assessments to improve the programs. The high standards of accreditation insure that the University provides a

high quality of education.

"Going to an accredited university makes me feel honored [knowing] that I'm in a community that achieves high standards," said freshman Abbie Mathews.

UMW's continual efforts to achieve high standards play a large role in their ability to meet the requirements for reaffirma-

tion of accreditation.

"Students should feel good that SACS-COC—our Southern regional accreditor—has reaffirmed our accreditation," said Levin. "It is a reflection of all the hard work the entire UMW community puts into making Mary Wash a real gem among public liberal arts colleges and universities."



The University of Mary Washington is required to maintain accreditation in order to guarantee the quality of its degrees.

Ginny Clark/The Bullet

## UPC welcomes Winter season

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Just after last week's snowstorm hit the University of Mary Washington, The University Program Council celebrated winter with the annual Winter Carnival. Students packed into Lee Hall on Jan. 24, with students celebrating the winter season with the promise of free food, games, personalized giveaways and trivia.

The master planner behind this year's Winter Carnival was the UPC Big Events Chair, Harrison Miles a junior in psychology and elementary education. Miles told the excited students to "have fun! Everything is free!"

UPC Advisor/Program Coordinator Megan Petter attributed all the planning to Miles. "Everything you see was him. I'm proud of him," said Petter.

Out of fall the activities at this year's Winter Carnival, the favorite activity was the room on the fourth floor designated to stuff a bear, complete with a large selection of furry animals, two kinds of stuffing and miniature Winter Carnival shirts for the animals.

"It's satisfying to have a stuffed animal to hold and cuddle! And there are so many to choose from," said Rachel Rogers, a freshman English major.

The event housed such activities as operated pig races, scratch ornaments, cookie decorating, car-

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## Police Beat

By HOPE RACINE  
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A University contractor was found intoxicated in public on Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. near the Willard Hall sidewalk. Prosecution was declined.

Two cameras were stolen from a room on the third floor of Eagle Landing on Jan. 24 between 7 and 10 p.m.

On Jan. 26 two students trespassed in a room on the second floor of Eagle Landing around 2 a.m. The students received administrative and honor council referrals.

*The information was compiled with assistance from UMW Police Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natalia Bledsoe.*

*The Bulletin will publish the names of students who are formally charged by the University of Mary Washington Campus Police or the Fredericksburg Police Department to have committed acts of extreme violence against members of the UMW community or pose a large threat to that community, when names are released to the public. The Bulletin will publish names and write articles about criminal acts on a case-by-case basis according to the aforementioned parameters.*



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# The Free Lance-Star declares bankruptcy

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On Thursday, Jan. 23, The Free Lance-Star filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, announced in an article by Bill Freehling from The Free Lance-Star.

Along with William Douglas Properties LLC, who owns a portion of the land that The Free Lance-Star uses, the petition was filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Richmond.

The bankruptcy ends the 130 year ownership of The Free Lance-Star by the Rowe family.

According to The Free Lance-Star Publisher, Nick Cadwallender, who was quoted in the article, no immediate effect due to the bankruptcy is expected for "company's employees, customers, advertisers or vendors."

The newspaper, its related digital products and the company radio will continue as normal while The Free Lance-Star goes through the bankruptcy process. The main change will take place in the ownership of the company.

The change in ownership will be taken care of by the judge of a Richmond bankruptcy court,

but "the new owner potentially could be New York City-based Sandton Capital Partners or an affiliate," according to the article that ran in The Free Lance-Star.

According to the company's website, "Sandton Capital Partners was founded to invest in alternative credit opportunities." The company does this by "purchasing under performing bank loans and providing rescue finance to troubled companies."

The Free Lance-Star previously used a loan from BB&T, provided from Sandton, in the amount of \$50.8 million in 2007 to build Print Innovators, a state of the art printing plant on Belman Road.

Cadwallender said in the article that The Free Lance-Star reduced its loan to around \$38 million and is still able to continue to make its scheduled payments.

In an attempt to "become compliant with the loan covenants," The Free Lance-Star reduced its number of full and part-time employees "from about 454 in 2007 to 303 at the end of 2013," according to the article.

The Free Lance-Star gave BB&T permission this past summer to sell its loan to Sand-



A.J. Raski-Gunn/ The Bulletin

The Free Lance-Star newspaper has been owned by the Rowe family for 130 years.

ton Capital Partners, according to the article. Shortly after Sandton bought the loan, it "informed the FLS that it wanted the company to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and sell substantially all of its assets to it as part of the bankruptcy process."

The Free Lance-Star decided

that filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy was "the best alternative to maximize the value of its assets with the hope of continuing the company's businesses and ongoing mission to improve and connect the lives of the people in the communities it serves," according to Cadwallender.

*According to the United States Courts website, a Chapter 11 bankruptcy is referred to as a "reorganization." A company that files for chapter 11 bankruptcy "proposes a plan of reorganization to keep its business alive and pay creditors over time."*

## This Week's Campus Briefing:

*A guide to the events at the University of Mary Washington and Fredericksburg Community. Compiled from information provided in the UMW newsletter EagleEye.*



### Award Winning Writer Visits, Feb. 6

Andy Duncun, an award winning science fiction and fantasy writer, will visit UMW on Feb. 6. Duncun will present his work at 5 p.m. in Combs 139. After the reading, a signing will take place. The reading is free and open to the public.

### James Monroe War Video

Scott Harris, director of the James Monroe Museum in downtown Fredericksburg, created a video about Monroe's involvement in the American Revolution. The video can be viewed on EagleEye.

### Financial Literacy Series, Feb. 5

Debrah Farnell, founder of DKM Planners, Inc., will be presenting the third installment of her Financial Literacy Series on Wednesday, Feb. 5 and will focus on how to get the most out of employee benefits. The event will be in Combs 139, and from 3-4 p.m. the seminar will be open to faculty, staff and the general public. From 5-6 p.m., the seminar will be open to students. As spaces are limited, you must RSVP.

# Obama addresses nation in State of the Union

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pass comprehensive immigration reform, something that has been up for debate since Obama was originally elected in 2008.

Another major focus throughout the speech was on the promotion of equality of opportunity within the U.S., applying to both the pay gap between men and women and easier access to higher education. Similar to last year's State of the Union, Obama once again promoted increasing the minimum wage, this time recommending a wage \$10.10 per hour.

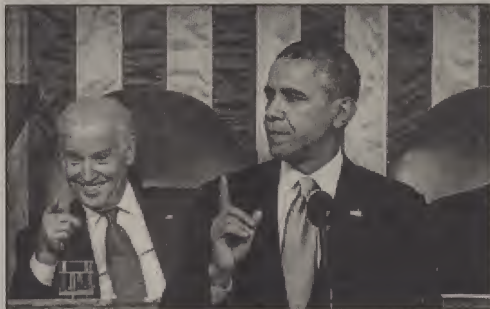
The speech also touched briefly on American diplomacy with countries such as Syria and Iran.

Over time, the State of the Union developed from a written statement, to a high definition live televised event. Before it gained the moniker of State of

the Union in 1947, which was given by Franklin D. Roosevelt, it was referred to as the president's annual address.

Woodrow Wilson started the concept of making the speech an

presidency "more than an impersonal institution and active and visible presidential leadership was needed to the people and the Congress," according to the American Presidency Project.



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President Obama and Vice President Biden during the State of the Union address.

annual, televised event. He saw it as a possibility to make the

After the move to television, Lyndon Johnson de-

cided to speak during prime-time in order to get a bigger television audience. Before that point, the speech was aired during midday time.

Bill Clinton owns the record for the longest speech in both words spoken and minutes. His speech in 1995 was 9,190 words, almost half of them were extemporaneous, and his speech in 2000 last one hour, 28 minutes and 49 seconds, according to U.S. News.

The first State of the Union to be streamed online occurred in 2002, with president George W. Bush. That speech in particular is known for the "axis of evil" phrase that was used.

The State of the Union has, and will continue to, set the stage for the coming year's legislative agenda and hot-button policy issues.

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**Families want an America that works and leads. Let's fight together for an America that works for everyone and leads once again. #SOTU**

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Tweets from top political figures show the various reactions to President Obama's State of the Union address.

Courtesy of Twitter



# VIEWPOINTS

## Klein's move from the Post represents changing media

Ezra Klein, who was propelled to fame as an in-depth columnist and blogger for the Washington Post, announced plans last week to leave the Post and start his own, independent news site.

Klein, whose Washington Post blog 'Wonkblog' provided complex and informative policy and economic analysis, initially asked the Post for \$10 million to branch off and create the site, yet they turned down the idea, according to Politico. On Sunday, Klein announced that his new site will instead be backed by Vox Media.

Many view the Post's decision as a mistake, considering Klein helped bring a large audience to the paper through his blog and appearances as an MSNBC correspondent. However, the decision makes sense when discussed in the context of the media's economic hardships.

Klein's venture is incredibly respectable and represents many of the greatest ideals of journalism. In a statement on

The Verge, another Vox Media site, Klein said his news site will aim to both report the news and offer "crucial contextual information necessary to understand what's happened."

"Our mission is to create a site that's as good at explaining the world as it is reporting on



it," said Klein.

This aim follows some of Klein's best work at the Post and epitomizes many journalists' goals to both inform and enlighten the public on the important happenings that affect their lives and their country. However, the venture is expensive, as well as time and labor consuming. In addition to the \$10 million needed to start the site, Klein is also looking to hire three dozen staffers.

Although the explanatory news site is an honorable idea, the Post, one of the few repu-

table print media sources still afloat in the U.S., understandably declined due to the risks. The funds and time an undertaking such as this requires yearly is risky considering today's public is not interested in explanatory, detail-driven policy reporting.

Media outlets have made extreme adjustments in recent years in order to deal with dwindling audiences. This involves a cut back on staff and resources, as well as a greater focus on news that appeals to consumers. Audiences show greater interest in soft news, and the policy focused explanatory news Klein plans to provide does not gain as much attention.

However, Klein's idea is exceptional, and if any journalist in recent years has shown the passion, drive and ability to report informative news in a compelling manner, it is Klein. It is possible that his venture will be successful, and, nevertheless, it will be inspiring and revitalizing to original ideals of journalism.

## Through the Pages

Compelling opinions from major publications this week.

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"The only way to truly affect the economy on a mass scale, and to make a difference for tens of millions of people instead of a few hundred thousand, is to persuade Congress to go along on the major initiatives the president was forced to repeat in his remarks, such as extending jobless benefits, creating high-quality preschool for all 4-year-olds, and especially raising the minimum wage." - "The Diminished State of the Union" by: the Editorial Board; The New York Times

"A petition to deport Justin Bieber has crossed the critical threshold of 100,000 signatures required for a White House response." - "How We Can Deport Justin Bieber" by: Alexandra Petra; The Washington Post

"Maybe we don't want to talk about it because there is no easy or obvious answer. No tidy slogan or single, streamlined legislation that won't trample on people's civil liberties will fix all the chemical imbalances, genetic hard-wiring and traumatic scarring of mental illness. But one in four Americans — 26.2 percent of the population older than 18 — suffer from a psychological disorder, according to the National Institute of Mental Health."

- "Devastating toll of mental illness demands our attention" by: Petula Dvorak; The Washington Post

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Disney's newest animated feature, now nominated for several Oscars, is loosely adapted from Hans Christian Anderson's "The Snow Queen."

## "Frozen" movie breaks the ice for Disney's gender stereotypes

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A company often scrutinized for catering to false stereotypes of gender, Disney finally broke the mold with their latest installment "Frozen."

The story tells of two sisters, one with magical freezing powers and one that is an authentic, awkward young woman. Elsa, the powerful elder sister, is to become queen when she turns 21. During the coronation, however, her sister, Anna, gets engaged to a prince she just met that night, and Elsa cannot condone it. They fight in the middle of the ballroom, and Anna accidentally reveals the powers her sister repressed from the public for years.

Elsa then runs away into the mountains, unconsciously freezing the whole kingdom.

Seems typical of Disney, right? Magical powers, princesses and dead parents; but what about this seems different?

Disney actually acknowledged the fact that marrying someone the day you meet them is ridiculous and makes fun of it

throughout the movie.

Anna is reprimanded by her sister and later Kristoph, an ice provider, for thinking it is okay to enter an engagement after knowing the other person for not even twenty-four hours. Elsa and Kristoph's reactions are proof that Disney is moving forward, and are starting by poking fun at their previous movies. Cinderella, Snow White, Ariel and Sleeping Beauty all barely knew their Prince Charmings, which is something Disney was criticized for not changing in the past, but they are trying to move away from it.

Recent movies, such as "Enchanted", "Brave", "Tangled" and now "Frozen", show notable progression.

These newer movies all reject the idea of "spontaneous" marriages and suggest that marriage should be given serious thought. "Brave" even suggests that women do not have to aspire to marriage, and others should not always expect them

to marry as well.

What sets "Frozen" apart is that it demonstrates stronger and possibly more important forms of love than just the romantic kind.

In the end, there is no big kiss to save the day. Instead, sisterly love is what breaks the curse and sets everything right. This love as the happy ending sends

marrying someone one just met. "Frozen" takes that situation and offers a different, and better, ending.

Anna and Elsa's family is broken, but instead of having Anna marry and find happiness that way, they show how the sisters are able to mend their bond and fix their broken family.

Also in the way of progres-

sion toward a more realistic movie.

Not all people are white heterosexuals and now that Disney is beginning to acknowledge this, their movies can start to relate to the lives of more people and allow people to understand those that are different from themselves.

While Disney is being progressive in the aspect of marriage and female independence, they are still lacking a bit when it comes to diversity among their characters and body image.

Diversity has so far been minimal. The majority of princesses are white "with lips as red as the rose" and unnatural body proportions. Does Disney only see these women as beautiful? The only realistic female character ever produced by Disney was Nani from Lilo and Stitch (2002), who looked like a

real human being.

This one character is not enough. Girls everywhere are affected by body image problems, and continuing to show only one type of woman can be considered beautiful is not acceptable.

This prototype of beauty does not exist outside of Disney's movies. Disney should be producing movies with women of many races, cultures and body types to show girls that it is okay to be who you are.

Disney was criticized for not having Anna and Elsa be of a different race when they easily could have been.

While Disney is progressing in some areas, it is still a little behind in others.

They have a long way to go with some ideas, but at least they are trying and are finally sending more family focused messages to their young viewers. "Frozen" was a big stepping stone in their climb toward more realistic character portrayals, but it is not their first attempt and I doubt that it will be their last.

*What sets "Frozen" apart is that it demonstrates stronger and possibly more important forms of love than just the romantic kind.*

a more powerful message than the typical Disney love story.

This movie shines light on the importance of family.

In many Disney movies the families are broken or dysfunctional; this sends a message that if one can't find love at home they should go looking for it elsewhere, even if it means

sion, though barely noticeable, Disney finally included a gay character in one of their movies.

Oaken from the sauna shop waves to his family while talking to Anna, and for a second the picture cuts to a man and four children waving back to Oaken from the sauna. This shows a tiny step in the direc-

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Media jumps the gun with 2016 presidential election coverage

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From the relentless Chris Christie bridge scandal coverage to speculation within Time magazine and the New York Times, the American news media are determined to push American politics forward by two years; but why? Could it be that our current political environment is stagnant?

Stories about NSA spying revelations, President Barack Obama's receding popularity, and the passing of a budget through midterm elections are all stale and depressing.

These are valid and probable reasons for the big push forward on election talk.

However, the overarching theme that permeates through all of the coverage and pundit analysis is this: the many shortcomings of the current administration and Congress are being pushed into the background while pointless speculation swirls around two politicians who may not even run or earn their party's nomination.

Moreover, the determination of the media to transform the politicians in Washington into celebrities further distorts their image, and in turn marginalizing their faults while over glorifying their triumphs.

2013 was quite possibly one of the worst years in American politics. As Obama became a lame duck president, low approval ratings broke records as the number of people in the workforce fell to a record low.

A government shutdown left the majority of Americans disenchanted with the state of things politically.

Negative signs arise when comparing Obama to former President George W. Bush's approval ratings at this time in his second term the former president never recovered from his low favorability.

Moreover, partisanship runs higher than ever before and recently brought the Senate to a standstill. If the bar was set low in 2013, it is lower in 2014. The future of Washington hangs in a precarious balance between stalemate and partisan warfare.

There should be no illusions: 2014 is set up to be a slow year.

On the other hand, 2014 will possibly be an interesting year. In a handful of battleground states, senate elections leave the potential for excitement and

change high, thanks in part to the opposing messages Democrats and Republicans will run on.

Washington is facing universal unpopularity and sabers like the Affordable Care Act and the shutdown make the 2014 elections difficult, particularly in the Commonwealth of Virginia, where Sen. Mark Warner will face off against Republican Ed Gillespie.

However, the promise of new lawmakers on Capital Hill seems to be ignored in large part because of the fixation on the office of the executive.

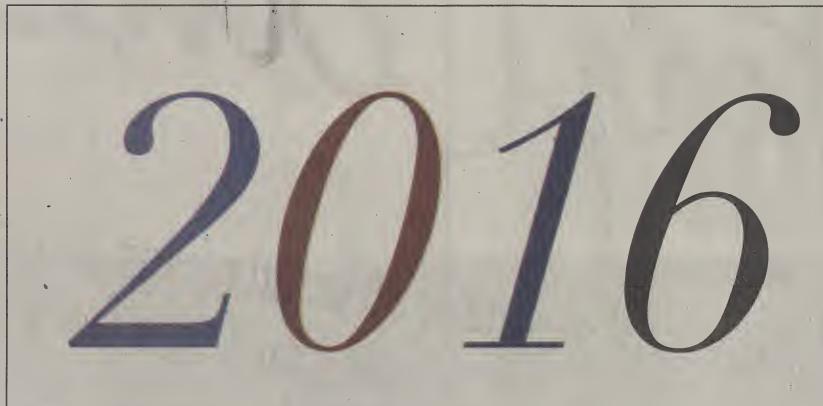
There is certainly a case to be made that the executive dwarfs all other branches in intrigue and fascination, and rightfully so considering the president is the only government official elected by the nation as a whole.

Consider the Obamas, for



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Gov. Christie is being covered as the top pick for the Republican party candidate by the media.



Consider Speaker of the John Boehner's visit to Jay Leno this week—he is the Speaker of the greatest deliberative body in the world acting like a comedian on a late-night program.

While there are arguments to be made about the ends of this effort, what is not disputable, however, is the current love affair between our media and all things 2016.

Time magazine published an issue this week, notable for its bizarre cover featuring former First Lady and Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton as a planet.

Pointing out the immense stockpiling of campaign funds by Democratic PACs, the article makes a compelling case for her run in 2016. The New York Times published an issue that featured a cover of Clinton's heel and questioned who would challenge her for the White House in 2016.

Conversely, the same magazines, and many others, have been skewering New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, a potential candidate for the 2016 GOP nomination, following the surfacing of emails that show his staffers set up a traffic jam along the George Washington Bridge as retribution for a

mayor's failure to endorse him. From "bully" to "thug," Christie has been battered in an attempt to disqualify the ultra-popular Republican from running in 2016.

Now, if you are like me, you are probably just sitting here thinking "why does any of this matter?" You are right; why does it matter? We have an election cycle between 2016 and an abundance of real problems that Americans ought to be informed about.

From the continuing American-Iranian discussions to the expansion of gay rights, there are a litany of things more important to Americans at the moment.

Besides, for all the speculation, pundits have not had a very good track record as of late, such as when they predicted Hillary to win the 2008 Democratic primary.

On the other end of the aisle, given the nature of Republican primaries, Gov. Christie has a razor-thin chance of being elected. In fact, he is openly referred to by many of his own party on Capitol Hill as a "RINO" (Republican in name only).

While there is nothing we can do about the barrage of 2016 election talk, we can take solace in the fact that the present is both certain and interesting.

All in all, there are much more pressing matters in the world, and, while speculation on future presidents is interesting, it is irrelevant given the state of the nomination processes and the volatile and ever changing nature of politics.



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Hillary Clinton is gaining support for her campaign, even though she has not declared she will run.

## Sochi Olympics garners negative response before games

KRISTEN LAWRENCE  
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With just a few short weeks until the 2014 Winter Olympics, the world's eyes are turning to Sochi. However, not all of those looks are favorable.

On the top on the list of concerns is the string of recent terrorist attacks Russia has fallen victim to, as well as the video threat laid against the upcoming Olympics by those who took responsibility for the previous attacks.

There is also the unpleasantness of Russia's own actions in tightening its anti-gay laws, which now prohibit the sharing of information about the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community and outright ban on gay pride rallies.

With anti-gay sentiment rising to a fever pitch, concerns are raised for the LGBT athletes and civilians planning to compete or attend these games.

With the added threat of a terrorist attack, Sochi is a particularly uninviting venue. Now, with only a few weeks remaining until the Opening Ceremony, there is not much that can be done apart from canceling; a drastic action that was last taken

before the 1940 Olympics due to the breakout of World War II.

The question remains, then: is there sufficient impetus to postpone these Olympic games, or even cancel them?

With so much time and concentrated effort put into preparing for the Games, it seems implausible that everything be shut down at this advanced stage, especially if the standard to set is the onset of a World War.

Can terrorist threats or the potential for rights violations set the new standard for cancellation of a worldwide

event?

Putin recently came forward to announce stricter security measures spurred by the two bombings in Volgograd, Russia, on top of publicly denouncing "xenophobia" against LGBT

individuals during press meetings, but is that enough to put the lives of athletes and civilians at risk?

With reports of anti-gay violence streaming out of Russia and developments in the cases

of the two Volgograd bombings still arising, the implausible may not be the least attractive action.

Some might argue that to pull back now would be to let the terrorists win, or to let the

anti-gay activists and rioters win, or at least think they have won.

Some may even bring to light the case of Jesse Owens, the African American track and field athlete who competed in the 1936 Olympics in Germany in spite of Hitler's racist propaganda and Nazi dictatorship.

They argue that if Jesse Owens could stand up to Nazi Germany, what is to stopping LGBT athletes from competing and proving themselves equals to those who would seek to curb their rights?

These are noble ideas, well befitting the spirit of the Olympics and its ideas of fair and honest competition for all countries, but being noble does not necessarily indicate wisdom.

There is turbulence occurring on both a national and international scale, and it is starting to feel like a pot waiting to boil over.

There is a perfect storm of disaster waiting in the wings, and a dozen or so cues just waiting for the hand to give the signal.

It will be everyone who will lose in Sochi if things go sour.



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Many Americans protested the placement of the Olympics this coming season due to Russia's politics.



# A SONG-FILLED VALENTINE.

— The Los Angeles Times

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# STYLE

## Professor Profile

An interview with Stephen Farnsworth, director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies and professor of political science and international affairs

JORDAN WILLIAMS  
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Stephen Farnsworth is a University of Mary Washington professor in the department of political science and international affairs. He is also the director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies and has authored or co-authored five books, along with numerous scholarly articles. He delivered a lecture, "Federalism, Separation of Powers and Mass Media Regulation in the United States" to political leaders in Zambia as part of the international visitor program.

**How long have you been teaching at UMW?**

I started teaching at Mary Washington in the fall of 1995.

**What classes do you teach at UMW?**

I routinely teach Mass Media Politics, The American Presidency, Research Methods in Political Science, Political Parties and Elections and U.S. Political Film.

**Why did you choose to teach at UMW?**

I like that Mary Washington has small classes, I like that the students by and large take their education pretty seriously and it's nice as a professor to be at

a university that does not have a fraternity system.

**What class do you enjoy teaching the most?**

I really like the Mass Media class the most. It's a course that is also cross-listed in the Journalism program, and so we have people who look at the media from the point of view of being practicing reporters, as well as people who look at the media from more of a political science perspective. Different perspectives can really allow for pretty interesting discussions about what reporters are up to and why they do what they do.

**If you could create any class to teach, what would it be?**

Well, I haven't taught the Political Film class too often, so I'm still working on that. I think that there are some really powerful political messages conveyed in film, and I'm still learning how to teach that course.

**What was your lecture "Federalism, Separation of Powers and Mass Media Regulation in the United States" about?**

The U.S. State Department calls on me now and again to do talks for visiting groups of political and media figures in the United States. One of the things they ask me to talk about is how



Courtesy of The University of Mary Washington.

Professor Farnsworth posing for a picture in Monroe Hall.

our political system works. For people, in this case it was a group of people from Zambia, our system is kind of unusual in that we have a lot more power for states than most countries do, and we don't really have a role for national government authority with respect to the media. Many countries have state broadcasters, government funded or government controlled media, and our system really is much more hands-off from the point of view of government control over what's in the newspapers and on television. So, talks like that are an opportunity for people coming from different parts of the world to get a sense of why we do what we do here.

**What have you accomplished that you are most proud of?**

It's really hard to be successful as an academic official. They don't give away Ph.D.'s. They don't give away tenure. So, it's very satisfying to have accomplished enough to be where I am right now professionally.

**What piece of advice do you give to students the most?**

It's a very competitive workplace. You'll be judged on the basis of how well you write and how well you speak. That's why it is so important to concentrate on developing communication skills in college. You need to be your own editor. Writing a paper means, above all, rewriting the paper before you turn it in.

## The man behind the green frog, revealed

AERIEL MERILLAT  
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The sea of people that crowded Dodd Auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 28 rolled with laughter when New York Times best selling author, Brian Jay Jones, shared the story of Muppet creator, Jim Henson, as part of the Great Lives Chappell Lecture Series.

Last October, Jones published his book, "Jim Henson: The Biography," and got rave reviews from papers such as the New York Times and Washington Post.

Jones' book was the first full-length biography of Jim Henson to be published. During his lecture, he let the crowd in on his immense proficiency and knowledge of Henson's life.

Not even one minute into the lecture, Jones had the audience cracking up, opening his talk with a famous clip from Henson's "The Muppet Show."

The seats of Dodd were nearly full to capacity with people of all ages from the University Mary Washington, as well as the Fredericksburg community.

Whether the crowd was captivated by curiosity or fond memories of singing along with Kermit the Frog and learning to count with the puppets of Sesame Street, everyone was united by a sense of admiration for Henson and his work.

According to Jones, Henson claimed there to be "children in all of us." The audience was flooded with the memories and laughter of childhood as Jones shared humorous insights into Henson's life and work.

Jones' lecture took the audience on a linear look at Henson's life, beginning with his early childhood in Mississippi, the start of his career during his adolescence in Maryland and the height of his legacy, ending with his tragic death at 53.

Jones fascinated the audience with his focus on Henson's humor, love of life and, most of all, his iconic films featuring the beloved Muppets. "Jim's work was his life," Jones claimed as he showed the audience several segments from Henson's pro-

grams such as 'Sam and Friend' and 'The Muppet Show.'

Freshman Hannah Morgan

was one among several members of the audience who appreciated Jones' incorporation of clips from Henson's works, stating, "getting to see the Muppet clips was my favorite part, because I was too young to enjoy them when I was little." Throughout Jones' talk, the



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Kermit the Frog

Jones also led the audience through a whirlwind tour of Henson's artistic work, starting from his 1950s television debut on a Washington D.C. NBC

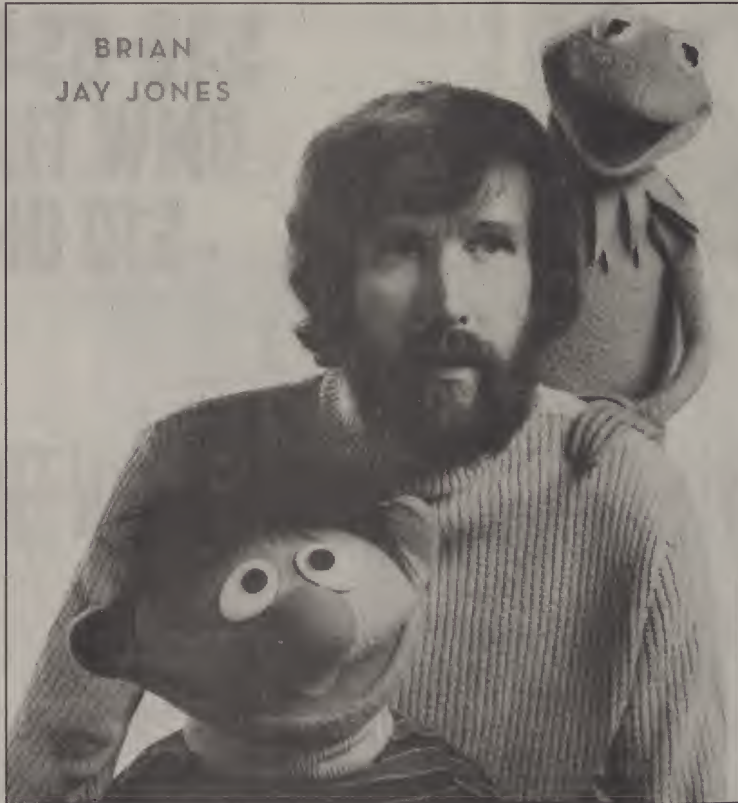
channel, to his 1960s act with Frank Oz as Ralph the Dog on "The Jimmy Dean Show."

Although highly praised in his lecture, Jones did not sugar coat Henson, telling truths about his separation, infidelity and many failures in the television and movie business.

Jones had the crowd laughing the moment the clock struck 7:30 p.m., and despite Henson's tragic death in the May of 1990, Jones was able to show the audience the great legacy he left behind for generations to come.

By the end of the night, the crowd was teary eyed and laughing as they watched a clip of the Muppets singing a song at Henson's memorial service.

When the evening ended, the crowd left knowing a little bit more than before about the man behind the Muppets.



Courtesy of Flickr

Jim Henson's character is revealed by Brian Ray Jones in "Jim Henson: The Biography."

## Slew of activities at Winter Carnival

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nival, the favorite activity was the room on the fourth floor designated to stuff a bear, complete with a large selection of furry animals, two kinds of stuffing and miniature Winter Carnival shirts for the animals.

"It's satisfying to have a stuffed animal to hold and cuddle! And there are so many to choose from," said Rachel Rogers, a freshman English major.

The event housed such activities as operated pig races, scratch ornaments, cookie decorating, caricaturists and a massage therapist. Students were willing to wait in long lines in order to participate in the activities.

The second floor of Lee Hall was rearranged, to accommodate a table for cheese and pepperoni pizza from Vocelli's Pizza, a dual ski ball machine, Snocross, a video game that involves riding a motorcycle and a station to have photos taken and inserted into a snowglobe.

The Winter Carnival is an event that is known for the large staff of volunteers it requires.

"37 of my sorority sisters volunteered to work the various shifts involved in this year's Winter Carnival," said Sam Amos, a senior psychology major, a member of Alpha Mu Sigma and vice president of UPC. "It takes two months and the sisters of Alpha

Mu Sigma stepped in to volunteer."

Not only does this event bring students together, but it helps the student body become more aware of UPC.

"A huge goal of the event is to get our organization to have a bigger name on campus," Said Amos.

By 8 p.m. the Underground was transformed to the set of a game show, complete with screens, lights, Disc Jockey and contestant podiums for the trivia game known as "ThinkFast."

Teams of students were handed a remote in exchange for their university ID and were to respond as quickly as possible to the questions by answering with the buttons on their remote. After two rounds, four individuals competed for the \$200 dollar cash prize.

Cedric Rucker, associate vice president and dean of student life, was also seen with a remote in his hand, competing against the 40 other teams, but it was Steven Brown, a senior accounting major, who stole the win.

"I was nervous at the end and kept getting them wrong, but thanks to the accounting question, I pulled it off. It was definitely fun and I'm sad I can't do it next year," said Brown.



Courtesy of Ginny Clark

Students race mechanical pigs during Winter Carnival.

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## Staff Picks: Favorite Grammy Moments

Macklemore and Ryan Lewis  
Marrying 33 people

The Beyonce and Jay Z debut

Taylor Swift thinking she won

Jay Z's Speech about winning  
a new sippy cup for his  
daughter

Daft Punk performance

Imagine Dragons and  
Kendrick Lamar

Lordé's weird performance

Pharrell's hat

Yoko Ono dancing

The Red Carpet

## 2014 Grammy Awards boast big surprises



Courtesy of Flickr

Macklemore and Ryan Lewis took home four awards at the Grammys, including Best New Artist, Best Rap Song, Best Rap Album and Best Rap performance. They also performed their hit song, "Same Love," featuring Mary Lambert.

By Victoria Kearney  
Staff Writer

The 56th annual Grammy Awards aired as a four-hour special of fashion, music and revolutionary performances on Sunday, Jan. 26.

"Music has the power to bring us together like nothing else in this world," said host LL Cool J in his opening speech.

The night opened with Beyonce and Jay Z's sexy performance of "Drunk in Love", a great introduction for a night, that set the bar high for the rest of the night's performances. Other notable performances come from Imagine Dragons and Kendrick Lamar, Sara Bareilles and Carole King, and

Robin Thicke and Chicago, proving that music can bring people various genres together.

Daft Punk, who took home four awards, performed their smash hit "Get Lucky" with Pharrell Williams. They band performed in their signature space helmets and stormtrooper suits, breaking the traditional Grammy dress code.

Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, Queen Latifah and Madonna gave the performance of the night. During their controversial performance, 33 couples, both gay and straight were married to the song "Same Love." Queen Latifah officiated the ceremony.

"This song is not a love song

for some of us but for all of us," said Latifah during the performance.

Latifah received a special license, which expired at midnight to marry the couples.

Taylor Swift also turned heads with her performance. Swift belted out her ballad, "All Too Well" turning the end into a head banging session, confusing the crowd.

Along with the great performances, there were a large number of great artists who won Grammys. Winners included Justin Timberlake and Jay Z for Best Rap Collaboration, Kacey Musgraves for Best Country Album, Daft Punk for Record and Album of the Year and Bruno

Mars for Best Pop Vocal Album.

This year's Grammy Awards also honored The Beatles with a Lifetime Achievement Award of 50 years after their breakthrough performance on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Ringo Starr joined Paul McCartney for a performance of McCartney's "Queenie Eye"

However, despite the performances potential, it was mediocre at best.

"Paul McCartney is a man of distinction, however his voice is just not what it used to be," said Giana Imperiale, junior business major. "However, the Grammys proved themselves this year with all of their diverse performances."

## A week for tasting and testing

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Fredericksburg locals were stuffed to the brim as Restaurant Week 2014 came to a close. Restaurant Week is a week for local eateries to showcase their creativity and passion and share their food with the community.

The event brings in students from the University of Mary Washington and the Fredericksburg and offers an opportunity to interact with the downtown community.

"We had a great time and loved trying out a new place that we normally wouldn't go to," said Katie Shaver, a senior English major.

Shaver dined at the Kenmore Inn, where she enjoyed a three course meal. Kenmore Inn of-

fered food items such as spinach, beet and goat cheese salad, bacon wrapped monkfish with green beans and a pear tart for dessert.

Restaurant Week provides many immediate benefits to customers through the great food and fantastic deals, but the restaurants also receive a growth in their clientele. Reviews from students that attended this year's Restaurant Week were positive overall; many agreed that the quality and amount of food served was impressive considering the cheap price fix.

According to Shaver, the smaller dishes of Kenmore Inn "didn't ruin our experience... All in all, the best part of our experience was their wine of-

fering."

Not only was it a pleasant experience for patrons, but for the servers at the restaurant as well. Maggie Willis, who works as a server at Poppy Hill Tuscan Kitchen enjoyed seeing how people reacted to the events of Restaurant Week.

"Restaurant Week is not only a great time for customers to experience but also for those who work as servers and bartenders," said Willis, a Senior Business Administration major.

"It was great to see the amount of customers who had never eaten there leave satisfied, and more than willing to recommend the restaurant," said Willis. It was also nice to see regular customers come in and see us as well."



Courtesy of visitfred.com

Kenmore Inn was one of the participating restaurants in this year's Restaurant Week.

## 'Liars' returns with new scandals



Courtesy of Flickr

(Left to right) Lucy Hale, Shay Mitchell, Troian Bellisario and Ashley Benson star in the hit ABC family show, 'Pretty Little Liars.'

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ABC Family's hit television show "Pretty Little Liars" continually keeps fans on the edge of their seat since its debut the summer of 2010. The epic return of the show this January proved to be no different.

Main characters Aria, Spencer, Hanna and Emily pick up in season four in giant strides.

Armed with the knowledge that their supposedly murdered best friend, Alison, is actually alive and in hiding, the girls are left with more questions than ever.

The question of A's true identity is one that haunted the minds of the characters and fans alike since the show's premiere.

"The creators make Ezra look guilty. But I don't think he is A. I just think that the show wants us to think that he is A," said Jithmi Wickramatillake, a sophomore business major.

In season one, A was thought of as a mere nuisance that bullied the girls with creepy text messages. Since then, the harm-

less bully proved to be a great threat for the girls, capable of breaking friendships, turning family members against one another and even causing physical harm.

With each new episode, fans blow up social media with their thoughts and opinions on each plot twist. Thousands of tweets roll in expressing countless theories, emotions and concerns

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about the similarities of the show to the novel.

Marlene King, the author of "Pretty Little Liars," knows how to keep her audience hooked and wanting more. With the latest premier of "Pretty Little Liars" in January, King did a good job to tie loose ends to-

gether from previous seasons.

Ezra Fitz, the teacher who won Aria over from the first episode is now everyone's least favorite character. Instead of swooning at their love, the audience is left in fear with the hope that he does not lock her up in a coffin.

Over the course of the show, Ezra's role changed from Aria's trustworthy boyfriend and approachable high school English teacher to becoming possible suspect for A.

After getting back together in the most recent episode, the audience can only hope that Aria will soon discover the mysterious truth about Ezra before it's too late.

While Aria, Spencer, Emily and Hanna are distracted with other potential leads for A's identity, Mona, one of the show's ultimate liars, seems to be the only one noticing Ezra's change in character. In a recent episode, when Ezra and Mona are found meeting over coffee, the audience is left wondering what are they planning next.





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## Students march in Richmond

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ters to the General Assembly Building. According to Kronemer, the students attached a string to Dominion Power's building and brought the string with them to "illustrate the connection between the energy titan's profits and the pockets of state legislators."

While the students planned to meet with Gov. Terry McAuliffe, he was in session and unavailable.

"We were lucky that Ashley Nixon, a recent graduate of UMW, worked in his office and was willing to sit with us to discuss why we came to Richmond," Kronemer said.

"She also delivered a letter written by each of us that urged McAuliffe to vote for and against certain upcoming bills."

According to VSEC, the bills that the students urged McAuliffe to vote down involved

environmental and resource restrictions, such as a hybrid tax repeal, a renewable portfolio standard and the elimination of

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-Alice Redhead

machinery and tools tax for solar energy businesses.

Despite not being able to meet with McAuliffe, the VSEC considered the march a success.

"Combining the symbolism of our action with the direct interactions with our legislative offices advanced a really powerful message. We gave pressure from the outside as well as the inside," Kronemer said.

The VSEC is planning multiple events in the future, specifically the Virginia Powershift event this April.

As this is the first year for the coalition, students are still working on uniting and getting the movement off the ground.

"It's really a great thing to be a part of," said Redhead. "We are the beginning, and we are growing it. This is going to be a huge thing, and it means a lot to be able to put my voice out there and help shape the future."

## Honorable Mentions: The Success of the UMW Professional Community

*The professional endeavors of the professors, administrators and faculty of the University of Mary Washington. Compiled from information provided in the UMW Newsletter, EagleEye.*

### Marie Sheckles,

chair of the department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education and professor of education and mathematics, gave a presentation at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Baltimore, Md. on Jan. 18. In the presentation, "Lessons Learned: A First Attempt at Using a Flipped Classroom Model," Sheckles described course modifications she used to "flip" a course she taught and the outcomes of that experiment.

### Melody Denhere,

assistant professor of mathematics, presented "Robust Penalized Functional Logistic Regression" at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Baltimore, Md. on Jan. 15.

### Debra Hydorn,

professor of mathematics, presented at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Baltimore, Md. on Jan. 16. Hydorn presented "Infographics Activities to Promote Graphical and Quantitative Literacy," which described her First-Year seminar activities. Hydorn also had "Gnomon Board" accepted at the Exhibition of Mathematical Art of the Joint Meetings.



Marie Sheckles



Debra Hydorn

## Local Politics

## Democrats inaugurated into top Va. government positions

STEPHANIE TIPPLE  
Staff Writer

The Commonwealth of Virginia experienced a shift in government this month, new Governor of Virginia, Terry McAuliffe, took office on Jan. 11 in Richmond.

McAuliffe and his Democratic counterparts, Lt. Governor Ralph Northam and Attorney General Mark Herring head into their new position and the 2014 legislative session with many challenges ahead of them.

The hot topic of discussion in this legislative session is going to be the possibility of Medicaid expansion, according to Professor Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor and Director of the Center for Media and Leadership Studies.

Medicaid expansion will "give people who don't have health insurance and are very poor an opportunity to get in to Medicaid by expanding the eligibility," said Farnsworth.

Originally, the plan for this expansion was to require states to expand their Medicaid coverage, but the Supreme Court later stopped this, stating it pushed too far on state's rights.

The expansion of Medicaid in Virginia could be a major economic boost for the Commonwealth.

"The state would get a lot of money...I think they get 100 percent in the first five years, and after that, 90 percent of the anticipated cost of expanding Medicaid," Farnsworth said.

Farnsworth said that the business community supports the expansion of Medicaid.

"[The Medicaid expansion] has a lot of backing in the business community. It's additional money for the state, and hospitals, particularly public hospitals, it gives them more revenue to supply their services," said Farnsworth.

Despite this economic benefit, many Republican officials are openly against supporting this expansion.

"The Republican majority in the House of Delegates is very clear that they don't like the idea. Basically any Republican who votes to expand Medicaid, because it's part of the Obamacare package, is likely to be primaried, and likely to be defeated," said Farnsworth.

In addition to the topic of

Medicaid expansion, more gridlock reminiscent of Washington D.C. politics is likely ahead.

"The Republicans

today are much more conservative than the Republicans in the legislature twelve years ago when Mark Warner was elected. So the kind of compromise you saw with the Democrats and Republicans in the Warner years is unlikely to be repeated in the McAuliffe years."

While some issues will be difficult to navigate with the partisan gridlock in the Commonwealth, there are some areas of agreement in the legislature, such as tightening of disclosure laws. This is a particularly relevant topic as former Gov.

Bob McDonnell

was recently indicted for a failure to fully disclose contributions.

"There's a bipartisan agreement that the rules in Virginia for disclosure of donations are

simply too loose and need to be tightened up," said Farnsworth.



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Terry McAuliffe was inaugurated as Governor of Virginia on Jan. 11 in Richmond. McAuliffe and several fellow Democrats won seats this year.

## Great Lives Schedule

Tuesday, February 4  
 Thursday, February 6  
 Tuesday, February 11  
 Thursday, February 20  
 Tuesday, February 25  
 Thursday, February 27  
 Tuesday, March 11  
 Thursday, March 13

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
 Bob Dylan  
 The Hatfields and McCoys  
 Jim Thorpe  
 Mata Hari  
 Augustus  
 Henry Ward Beecher  
 Atomic Girls

Tuesday, March 18  
 Thursday, March 27  
 Tuesday, April 1  
 Tuesday, April 8  
 Thursday, April 10  
 Tuesday, April 15  
 Thursday, April 17  
 Tuesday, April 22

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## Cross country season opener creates new records for UMW

MICHAEL BARNES  
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington's indoor track and field celebrated at the University of Maryland-Terrapin Invitational, their season opener, earlier this month after three athletes each set indoor records for UMW.

At the January 18 meet, 25 UMW runners participated in the invitational at College Park with many notable finishes.

The men's team finished in ninth place overall at the meet, which included a number of division one programs including host, University of Maryland-Terrapins.

Records are meant to be broken and that is exactly what three UMW athletes did.

Freshman Glenn Taylor, in his first varsity meet ever, tied the 60 meter dash record in preliminaries with a time of 7.17 seconds.

Taylor, hailing from local James Monroe High School, broke the UMW record in the finals with a time of 7.14, giving him fourth place overall at the meet.

He never ran the 60-meter dash competitively prior to this varsity meet, a big time accomplishment for him in his freshman year.

Taylor finished just .05 seconds behind the first place finisher.

"Even though I am happy with the time I got, I know there is still room for improvement," Taylor said.

Zach Kerns, another UMW freshman, also found his place in the record books. Kerns set the record in the 300-meter dash with a time of 36.49 seconds, giving him second overall at the meet.

Kerns finished .51 seconds behind first place, giving him motivation to push even harder for first at their next meet, he said.

The junior class also represented well. Junior Cheyenne Falls broke the women's shot put record with a distance of 39 feet, 8.5 inches.

That distance gave Falls ninth overall in the meet, as she finished ten feet behind first place.

Her record breaking accomplishment also earned her the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Women's Indoor Track & Field Athletes of the Week title for the week of January 21.

Adding to the notable finishes, Junior Nick Judy finished fourth in the pole vault at 13 feet, 9.25 inches, and sophomore Elysa Baker made a throw of 41 feet, 4.25 inches in the weight throw.

The Eagles track and field team will be back at it Feb. 1 at the George Mason Invitational.



Courtesy of UMW Athletics

Junior Cheyenne Falls broke one of three UMW indoor track records this month, all taking place at their season opener.



# SPORTS

## Lady Eagles keep the ball rolling despite tough loss to York

CHRIS MARKHAM  
Staff Writer

Not to be overshadowed by their male counterparts, the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team is enjoying a highly successful season of their own.

Currently sitting at 12-6 (5-5 Conference), after their most recent game this Wednesday, the Eagles are staying right in the thick of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) standings. Contributions from across the board, especially from the

bench, have made the Eagles a force to be reckoned with, despite their underdog label.

Last Thursday, UMW tipped off against conference rival Southern Virginia University. The contest was closely matched in the early going, but

when the game was knotted up at 21 points apiece, the Eagles jumped out to a 12-0 run to end the first half.

"We realized that we were playing down to the level of our competition, and we knew that we needed to step up our game offensively and defensively,"

*"The confidence we've gained from our game against York has helped our team chemistry and will help us succeed for the remainder of the season because we know what we need to fix and have the 13 players to do it."*

-Brianne Comden

said freshmen Brianne Comden, starting center.

UMW carried that momentum into the second half, outscoring the Knights 40-17 in the game's final 20

minutes to take the commanding victory. The Eagles bench overwhelmed the Knights' 38-8.

The toughest task the Eagles faced the same week was a road game against York College, who is ranked no. 10 in the national poll.



Courtesy of UMW Athletics



Courtesy of UMW Athletics

Top: Junior Aubrey Howland helped the lady Eagles defeat Southern Virginia 73-38 at the January 23rd game, scoring 12 points.

Bottom: While winning their game against Southern Virginia, the Eagles lost to York University, with a final score of 61-58.

Despite playing their best overall game of the season, the Eagles fell just short by a score of 61-58. York, who is undefeated this season, out rebounded UMW 43-28 and finished the game on an 11-2 run to steal the victory away from the Eagles.

Despite the loss, UMW is taking many positives away from the game.

"That was the best 40 minute game we've played all season as a team," said Comden, who is the Eagles' second leading scorer with 9.4 points per game and shooting nearly 42% from the field on the season. "It has lifted our confidence for the rest of the season."

UMW was matched, or better, than the Spartans in almost every statistical category. The Eagles' bench made a huge difference, outscoring York's bench 19-4. Senior Sam Partonen led the Eagles with 15 points in the loss.

The Eagles rebounded very well, literally and figuratively, in Wednesday night's game against the Frostburg Bobcats in an 89-

60 rout of their conference foes.

Comden dropped a career high of 27 points, and Partonen dished out 14 assists to go along with her 14 points.

UMW's bench proved once again why they are a key component of their offense, outscoring the Frostburg bench 32-20. The Eagles also worked the ball to perfection, racking up 28 assists to the Bobcats' six.

Another positive the team is looking forward to is the fact that their eight remaining opponents are all teams that the Eagles have played earlier this season and that they are 4-3 against those opponents.

"The confidence we've gained from our game against York has helped our team chemistry and will help us succeed for the remainder of the season because we know what we need to fix and have the 13 players to do it," Comden said.

The Eagles next tip-off will be a Saturday matinee at home against CAC powerhouse Marymount University at 1 p.m. Feb 1.

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### Upcoming Games

Basketball  
Saturday, Feb. 1 vs. Marymount University  
Women: 1 p.m.  
Men: 3 p.m.

Swimming  
Friday, Jan. 31 vs. Johns Hopkins University  
6 p.m.

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